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## 200 Houses Buried

Lima, Feb. 15.—At least 70 people were killed when 200 houses were buried under debris from a ravine washaway, according to a report from the village of Sondondo about 265 miles south of Lima.

The side of a ravine was apparently washed away by a huge cloud-burst.

Rescuers are trying to report from the village of the village which was buried under the avalanche of rocks and mud. Sondondo has a population of 1,000.

—Associated Press.

## KARENS & REDS REPULSED

Rangoon, Feb. 15.—Burmese Government troops, in a night-long battle, repulsed combined attempts by Karen and Communist rebels to piece the Irrawaddy Delta town of Kyaukse and Dedaye, the Burma Government claimed today.

Both towns are in the Pyawbun district, 40 miles southwest of Rangoon. The rebels sustained heavy casualties, the Government communiqué further claimed.

The Burma Government suspended telegraphic traffic throughout the country today except in the Tenasserim Division in the south. Official sources disclosed that up-country telegraph offices had closed down owing to widespread insurgent activity.

Rangoon is at present in telegraphic touch with three towns in southern Burma—Moulmein, Tavoy and Mergui.—Reuter.

## BARTER SHIP TURNS BACK

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The ss Greater Shanghai, the first barter ship sent to Red-held North China, was reported returning here today without reaching its destination.

The ship, which encountered heavy weather in the Yellow Sea and used up all her fuel so she turned back. She was laden with flour which was going to be exchanged for coal at Chinwangtao. — Associated Press.

## EDITORIAL

### U.S. & The Atlantic Pact

THE Press of Western Europe, Mrs. Judging from their quoted comments, been startled and shocked by the policy statement made by United States senators a recent proposed Atlantic Pact. Reaction has bordered on the hysterical, and there is obvious resentment over the declaration that it is not the intention of the United States to plunge automatically into war should one of the signatories to the pact be subjected to another hostile attack by another state. Justification for the outburst is not so easily appreciated. The policy enunciated by Senators Connally and Vandenberg would seem to conform to the American Constitution which has always insisted upon the supreme right of Congress to decide whether or not the nation should go to war. This does not necessarily imply that the United States, as a signatory to a mutual defence alliance, would not honour its obligations, but it does preserve the right of America to follow a procedure which it regards as unilaterally constitutional. It would be easy, of course, to read into this policy statement a continuance of America's traditional dislike of getting herself involved in European affairs, but the political developments of the past four years thoroughly discount any such conclusion. The United States cannot escape certain commitments in Europe and furthermore she has given no indication that she declines or intends to. On the contrary, the Marshall Plan, American support for and participation in the creation of a Western European Union and her willingness to share in an Atlantic Pact all demonstrate her awareness to the important part she is destined, by virtue of World War II, to play in maintaining the future security and

peace of Europe. To suggest that the United States, because she insists upon adopting a constitutional procedure in the event of being called upon to go to war which has not yet been fully written, let alone signed and ratified, is unreasonable. If the Atlantic Pact, when it is concluded, turns out to be what the prophets foretell, it will be designed to create a solid defensive alliance between the Western hemisphere against any warlike action on the part of Soviet Russia and her satellites. It is inconceivable that any other Power would act in such a way as to make it necessary for the Atlantic Pact to be invoked, and as the United States has very positively declared its intention to resist any further aggression by Russia, it can be taken for granted that if the Kremlin decided to provoke a war, America would not hesitate to stand by the terms of her alliances. This, we now know, would require Congressional approval according to the Constitution, but the act could be regarded as a formality. There is room for sympathy for the Western Union nations in their desire to have certain guarantees from the United States, but at the same time it is fair to expect America to insist that she too will enjoy safeguards, even if they only amount to respect for her Constitution. To suggest that the Western European Powers have been "sold down the river" by the latest Senate policy declaration is ridiculous. In any event, the full terms of the Atlantic Pact have still to be agreed upon and then confirmed by the signatories. There will be time enough for recriminations (if any are warranted) when the conditions of the proposed alliance are finalised.

## LI TSUNG-JEN HOLD ON GOVERNMENT

### Criticism Directed At Sun Fo

## NATIONALIST CASUALTIES CLAIMED BY REDS

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The gradual tightening of control of the Chinese Government by President Li Tsung-jen, with the imminent resignation of Dr Sun Fo confirmed in every quarter but officially, is another blow at the Conservatives headed by Chen Li-fu, who are still holding to faint hopes that the Generalissimo will return.

Premier Sun Fo's loosening grasp on his own cabinet as well as failure to induce chief organs of the government outside the Cabinet to set up shop in Canton, is giving Li Tsung-jen a stronger hold over the Presidency than when he took over from the Generalissimo.

Almost overlooked in the hectic days of the tug-of-war between the President and the Premier was that part of Li Tsung-jen's statement made when he took over as the acting Chief Executive—that he would, like the Generalissimo, step down if he failed the peace mission. It was recalled that Li Tsung-jen emphasised at that time that he was taking over for that purpose only.

The speculation was then—and Chen Li-fu and other leaders of the Conservative clique have been banking on it—that Li Tsung-jen would fail, setting the stage for the Generalissimo to take advantage of his qualifying remarks when he bid farewell to Nanking.

But events in the past few days strengthened Li Tsung-jen's hand to the point where it was generally believed that he will in no way consider his work had so far failed, although there were times when it appeared as if Li Tsung-jen's efforts were no use.

Further support was thrown toward Li Tsung-jen yesterday when 120 Legislators in Shanghai voted to return to Nanking to join the quorum already there.

Further criticism was directed toward Premier Sun Fo last night in Nanking by one of the Legislative Leaders, Li Feng, who demanded that Sun Fo resign. He said the hurried evacuation of the Cabinet from Nanking "left the country in a state of anarchy with adverse effects on peace and the government's internal and external prestige."

Li Feng added that the removal of the Executive Yuan to Canton was not approved by the Legislative Yuan or promulgated by the President.

He said that Premier Sun Fo should resign now to permit Li Tsung-jen to carry on his peace plans.

The Chinese Red radio took a very cautious viewpoint in reporting the arrival in Peiping of Shanghai's peace delegation. In fact, the broadcast did not mention the word peace, nor did it describe it as a mission of any kind.

The item was confined simply to reporting that "Yen Hui-ching, Shao Li-tze, Chiang Chih-chao, Chiang Xung, and Huang Chi-han arrived in Peiping by plane from Shanghai at 5 p.m. on the 14th."—United Press.

## KMT LOSSES

Bucharest, Feb. 15.—Some Chinese Communist statistics of Kuomintang losses over two and a half years of operations were reported in a Cominform bulletin today.

Listed in an official Chinese Communist communiqué issued on February 4, the figures given were:

Kuomintang casualties and prisoners 4,500,000, of which 71 per cent were regular troops. This included 2,603,000 prisoners.

Kuomintang generals captured 607, surrendered 105 and killed 67.

Territory liberated 300,000 square kilometres and 55,000,000 inhabitants, bringing the total of territory under Communist control to 2,580,000 square kilometres and 100,000,000 inhabitants.

In two and a half years, Chinese Communists have captured 170 major towns, bringing the total under their control to 737.

## REST OF THE CLAIMS

The mixed bag for the last two and a half years included the general headquarters of the military zone of eleven army groups, of three class-situation zones, of four reorganised armies with headquarters thrown in of some 67 armies and 73 divisions.

The statistics also claim 240 divisions, 594 regiments and 722 battalions.

Following are Kuomintang items listed as captured by the Communists: 1,408,000 rifles and sub-machine guns, 170,000 machine guns, 30,000 artillery pieces, 2,280,000 shells, some 220,000,000 cartridges, some 1,000,000 hand grenades, 38 planes, 242 tanks, 214 armoured cars, 772 locomotives and 9,300 motor cars.—Associated Press.

## APPEAL TO CHIANG?

Nanking, Feb. 15.—A Chinese press report said today that Canton legislators referred the dispute of the Legislative Yuan's meeting place to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. If the report was correct, (Continued on Page 5)

## TIGHTENS HIS



The platform of the Shanghai North Station is shown here with refugees waiting for train space to the south. These are families of Nationalist soldiers retreating from the Communists.—AP Picture.

## No More US Troops For MacArthur

Washington, Feb. 15.—General Douglas MacArthur's request for more American troops in Japan has been rejected, Secretary of the Army, Mr Kenneth Royall, said on Tuesday.

"He was told it would be impractical to put more troops over there," Mr Royall said after returning from an 18-day inspection trip through the Pacific area.

He spent six days in Japan. Whether to build up United States military strength there has been a behind-the-scenes issue for months. General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, is understood to have reported to the Army Department that Communist advances in China have upset Japan's strategic situation.

## NO CHANGE LIKELY

Mr Royall confirmed that General MacArthur previously had expressed the hope he could be allowed more troops, and brought up the matter again during the Secretary's visit.

No change is contemplated either in troop strength or command in Japan, Mr Royall said.

Back of this development is a long argument which dates back to the early years of the war. One school of thought contended that the Far East is vastly important, and should receive more attention from military planners in Washington.

Washington officials, on the other hand, reply that even the United States is not strong enough to keep a global defence line uniformly powerful, and that it must concentrate its strength where it will do the most good. In the view of these officials, Europe must have priority over the Far East.

## NO DISCUSSION

Mr Royall said there was no discussion of General MacArthur's coming back to the United States.

"He didn't say anything, and I didn't," Mr Royall asserted.

Latest available figures on comparative United States troop strength in Europe and the Pacific area are several months old. At that time there were reported to be about 90,000 in Europe and about 125,000 in MacArthur's command which takes in Japan, Korea, Okinawa and other islands.—Associated Press.

## Mr Walter Keates' Condition

It was stated at the Queen Mary Hospital this morning that the condition of Mr Walter Keates, editor-in-chief of the China Mail, remains unchanged.

Mr Keates was involved in an accident on Monday evening, and is suffering from a fractured skull.

## Refugees Jam Station

## Britain To Spend More On Defence

\$759,860,000 For Year 1949-50

London, Feb. 15.—Britain will spend \$759,860,000 on defence for the year 1949-50 compared with \$692,600,000 for 1948-49, according to a Government White Paper published tonight. She will aim at a fighting strength of 750,000 men in 1950. The three fighting Services will have 793,000 men this April instead of 716,000 owing to conscription being extended from one year to 18 months.

The White Paper added that while more than a million recruits and National Service men had passed through the Services since demobilisation, the Services suffered from lack of men with long experience or a high degree of service skill.

Men called up this year will under the National Service Acts be liable for part-time service from mid-1950 onwards.

## JET SECRETS

Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent, writes:

The secrets of new British jet fighter planes approaching the speed of sound, and the latest measures to meet the atom bomb threat, lie behind Britain's increased defence measures for 1949-50, as outlined in the official Parliamentary paper published tonight.

The document gives the net financial provision for defence purposes as \$759,860,000. Authoritative quarters tonight indicated that the actual measure of British defence expansion authorised by the emergency measures last September is about \$266 million.

This sum represents new British jet fighter types outmoding the first Comets and Vampires, the equipment of overseas squadrons, including those of the Middle East, with jets.

The whole of Britain's home squadrons have already been re-equipped with jet aircraft.

The expansion represents "go ahead" orders on naval construction at present outstanding, though not for proposed new "Zulu" class frigates. It covers the overhauling and repair of a vast quantity of material still held from the second World War, including tanks and lorries of various kinds.

## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

It provides also for the most advanced type of scientific research into methods of countering the threat from atomic and other weapons.

The financial provision for defence for 1948-49 was \$692,600,000 compared with \$759,860,000 for 1949-50. But supplementary estimates are due for the current year which may increase the total by \$225 million and bring it much nearer to the provisional figure for 1949-50.

The key figure of the new report is the provision of \$264,500,000 for the Army, Navy and Air Force, an increase of about \$107,500,000 on the previous year's figure.—Reuter.

## ISRAELI-EGYPT ARMISTICE TALKS DEADLOCK ENDS

Rhodes, Feb. 15.—The deadlock in the armistice talks at Rhodes between the Jews and the Egyptians has been broken and an agreement is "close at hand," an informed conference source told Reuter.

The source said both delegations had agreed to Auja, the Israeli-held town in the Negev desert near the Egyptian frontier, becoming the headquarters of the Armistice Supervisory Commission. As such the town would be a "No Man's Land," it added.

The question of Auja has blocked the armistice negotiations for the past fortnight. The Jews have rejected an earlier Egyptian suggestion that the town, which was captured by the Israelis in their last Negev offensive, should be a "neutral zone."

The Armistice Commission is expected to be headed by Brigadier General William Riley, Chief of Staff to the United Nations acting Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, and to include a high-ranking officer of both sides.

The delegations are now faced with two main tasks, a decision on Beersheba (the Negev capital captured by the Israelis in the fighting last October), and the disposition of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev.

## GIVE UP CLAIMS

The Egyptians are believed to have given up their claims, made early in the conference, that Beersheba should be Arab administered. The Israelis rejected this, saying that Beersheba not only controls the main road south to the Egyptian border, but also two important roads to the Transjordan front, east to Hebron and southeast to Akaba.

The Israelis asserted that Transjordan had not yet settled an armistice with Israel and they could not afford to surrender control of this vital road junction.

According to informed sources, the Egyptians now accept the Israeli point of view and are likely to concede the Israeli control of the town in exchange for guarantees that Israel will show no aggressive intention towards Egypt.

## ISRAELI TROOPS

On the question of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev, the Egyptians are concerned with their proximity to Egyptian territory, maintaining they could constitute a military threat.

The Israelis, on the other hand, argue that these men are needed to face the Transjordan frontier pending an armistice settlement with King Abdullah. Here again the Israelis appear to have won their point and would be allowed to keep their forces in the Eastern Negev subject to loose supervision by the Armistice Commission.

Both sides have already reached agreement on two other points, which had been regarded as among the conference's main difficulties—the Egyptian-held coastal strip and the Southern Negev town of Bir Asluj (also captured by the Israelis in their fighting towards the end of last year.) It was believed that the Gaza coastal strip would remain in Egyptian hands, the only probable change being the reduction of the forces in the area, subject to the control of the Armistice Commission.

With the main points of the conference settled or practically settled, the chances have grown in the past 24 hours of an agreement being signed at the weekend.

Informed circles said today that barring unforeseen hitches, the technical details should be settled by Thursday, and the main task would then be to complete the drafting agreement.

## 12 ARTICLES APPROVED

This has already been mainly done, a usually well informed source told Reuter today. He said that 12 of the 14 articles had been approved by both sides.

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# WOMANSENSE

## It's in the bag, says the LINER GIRL

IN LONDON for the opening of fashion week were buyers, writers and fashion followers from New York. What clothes did they bring? PATRICIA LENNARD analyses the wardrobe of one trans-Atlantic traveller

EVERY time the Queen Elizabeth or Queen Mary docks at Southampton a flock of international glamour-girls—film stars, social notabilities, fashion careerists—appear at the rail. Their lovely hats, lovely legs and lovely furs look trim and fresh.

How is it that while a cross-Channel trip reduces most travellers to the common denominator of raincoat and scarf, a minority look so well?

A clothes analysis of the fortunate few reveals iron-hard common sense plus the kind of basic travel wardrobe that the raincoated majority of travellers could easily afford if they thought a little. It consists of what I would call "Teamables, packables and uncrushables."

Pauline Alper, who is the Director of Sales and Advertising and Merchandising in a New York fabric firm, tells the inside story of packing for travel.

"I like to travel in wool jersey because it doesn't crush, keeps me warm. I have separate jersey blouses and skirts, which together team up to make a dress. Instead of trying to keep evening things crease-free, I pack an evening skirt of thick flowered tulle or tulle, so thick and heavy it stands by itself and could never crease."

"With this, I take along a series of crocheted silk evening sweaters, sleeveless and off-the-shoulder, which match the colours of the flowers in the skirt."

"Hats are no problem: I simply pack berets in velvets, in felt and in imitation furs, to go with all my clothes."

"I bring along dozens of 18in. square scarves to tuck in my belt, knot at my throat or just to carry. And my make-up is all in one holder shaped like a compartmented tube—each section uncovers in turn to show lipstick, cream, powder."

Pauline Alper's brother-in-law, a furrier, sends her out in a mink cape with separate mink scarf, a white mutation mink cape-stole, a tailored black broadtail jacket. And her husband, a painter, makes her fabulous hats of multi-coloured ribbons, crusted with minute shells, beads, buttons and sequins. Even these, however, pack easily, slip in with the teamables, packables and uncrushables.



OUTFIT 2—Tulle evening skirt thick enough to stand alone, worn with skimpy silk crocheted sweater.



OUTFIT 1—Double-breasted box jacket in broadtail over two-piece green jersey dress, green beret to match.

## Children 'Who Won't Eat' In Three Groups

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE child who will not eat is a problem not only to his parents but to the doctor as well for there is no one method which is uniformly successful in dealing with him.

There are three groups of children who commonly create difficulties of this kind.

First, there is the sick child. He cannot be expected to eat, for his loss of appetite is a symptom of some general disturbance or the outcome of a local disorder such as an ear infection, decayed teeth, or sore mouth.

The second group is made up of normal, healthy children who have been mismanaged by their parents. In the third group are children who do not eat because of severe emotional disturbances. Most children who fiddle and dawdle over their food only to refuse it in the end are found in the second group.

Some physicians feel that one of the causes of refusal to eat lies in

the fact that babies are sometimes given solid food too early. In most instances, the baby is ready to handle solid foods when he is from three to four months of age. The physician can make sure by placing a tongue depressor in the infant's mouth. If the baby accepts this without crying, he is ready for solid foods.

Mothers sometimes attempt to give the baby more food than he needs. They are also prone to insist on foods which the baby does not like because they are, in Mother's opinion, good for him. Both practices make for the development of poor appetite. Then, too, mothers feed the baby when he ought to be feeding himself.

### Mother's Fault

Thus, in most instances, a feeding problem for the child is the result of a mother's fault. Conflicts soon develop between the mother and the child if she attempts to force food on him.

Many such mothers just do not seem to be able to let the child eat what he likes. The physician gives. There seems to be little use in telling these parents to allow the child to have some of the food he likes. The entire relationship between the mother and the child is wrong, and before the poor appetite can be overcome, this relationship must be corrected.

Often the refusal of food goes back to difficulties in the first few weeks of life. Hence, it is important for mothers to adopt the right attitude toward eating early in the child's life. In this way poor appetite problems may be prevented.

## A Touch Of Glitter



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

SEQUINS are the shining success of the season for there is a touch of glitter on a number of dresses. A touch of silver, white and gold sequins plus a bit of bead embroidery adds controlled glitter to this svelte afternoon frock of deep gray crepe. The embroidery is used at one hip where the draped tunic takes a slanting line. One panel falls in a cascading drape at one side over a straight, slim skirt. The simple bodice has a V-neckline and long narrow sleeves.

## School In A Factory

MANY boys and girls of school-leaving age in Britain are finding the business of learning the rudiments of their chosen trade a much less arduous task than was the case a generation ago. For many industrial firms today are organizing trade schools for their junior employees. Here the young people not only learn how to do their own jobs but also gain valuable general knowledge of the work of the firm as a whole.

These trade schools are designed to help bridge the gap between school and adult life in the social side of the pupils' education is carefully planned. For instance, one firm in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where the famous linen is woven, provides classes in physical training, hygiene and elocution in addition to technical classes. It was found that the young people who did not at first take kindly to the idea of "going back to school" found the atmosphere in the training school so friendly that they became keenly interested in both the technical and the social side. Before long, glowing accounts of the work in the school were being circulated, and as the first batch of trainees neared the end of their training, the school was filled with eager new pupils.

## Water— Hard & Soft

By ELEANOR ROSS

ONE of the tried and tested friends of the homemaker is a water softener; and so it is always something of a surprise to come upon so many women who go on, year after year, putting up with hard water and all its discomforts and difficulties. Water softeners do really help to take the drudgery out of housework and assist in many ways in balancing the budget. Because most municipal water softeners do not reduce the hardness of the water as much as possible.

The housewife with a water softener in use, will be increasingly aware of time and labour saved in every household chore that requires water. Softened water will help develop grease-cutting suds more quickly; hence less soap is used in the process. And right there is a real budget saver.

### High Mineral Content

Hard water or water with a high mineral content, causes streaks on china and glassware which have to be polished off with vigorous wiping. Painted surfaces and porcelain clean more easily without the use of abrasives, and softened water will not leave a dirt-collecting, sticky film on woodwork. Household laundering in soft water is infinitely easier and preserves the life of the fabrics, which offers another budget saver. Soft water bathing eliminates skin irritation often caused by hard water bathing. Soft water does not destroy soap and never forms sticky, unpleasant soap curds. Soft water, too, does away with deposits of scales in pipes, water heaters and boilers. Whenever hard water is heated, this scale is deposited, choking off the flow of water, wasting fuel, and perhaps eventually causing the expensive replacement of plumbing. We have this on the word of the plumber and heating industry, so it's not just talk!

And, for a final convincer, cooking is faster with soft water, and food tastes better. Coffee or tea made with soft water have more real flavour and save about 1/3 on the amount of coffee or tea used; another distinct budget aid!

## BEAUTY FROM NEW ZEALAND

ONE United Kingdom export which is likely to play an historic role has recently been delivered to the most distant member of the Commonwealth—Britain. It consists of 130 pieces of exquisite hand-painted china, made at Stoke-on-Trent, England, for Lady Freyberg, wife of the Governor General of New Zealand. Had it not been necessary to postpone the projected Royal tour, owing to His Majesty's illness, the china would have been used this Spring when Lady Freyberg entertained King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

The china comprises dessert, tea and breakfast sets, each piece beautifully ornamented with designs of flowers, birds and ferns to be found in New Zealand. Fine examples of British craftsmanship, no pains have been spared to ensure that these designs should not only be exquisite works of art, but also true in every detail. To this end one of the pottery artists spent a week at the botanical gardens at Kew, London, where he was able to study New Zealand plants and ferns growing.

## Don't Neglect a Nice Skin



Nightly cleansing of the skin with a good cream is a beauty rule every girl should keep.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN women gather together for a little pleasant gabbling and the question of complexion comes up, you would think that every feminine face in the land was beset with skin defects. The cutaneous coating is too dry or too oily. So they fancy. As if Nature had never produced one that qualified! There are millions of women who are blessed with fine-textured complexions of pleasing colouring. They have taken care of them, that's why. They got an early start in that 100 year war against old meanie Time.

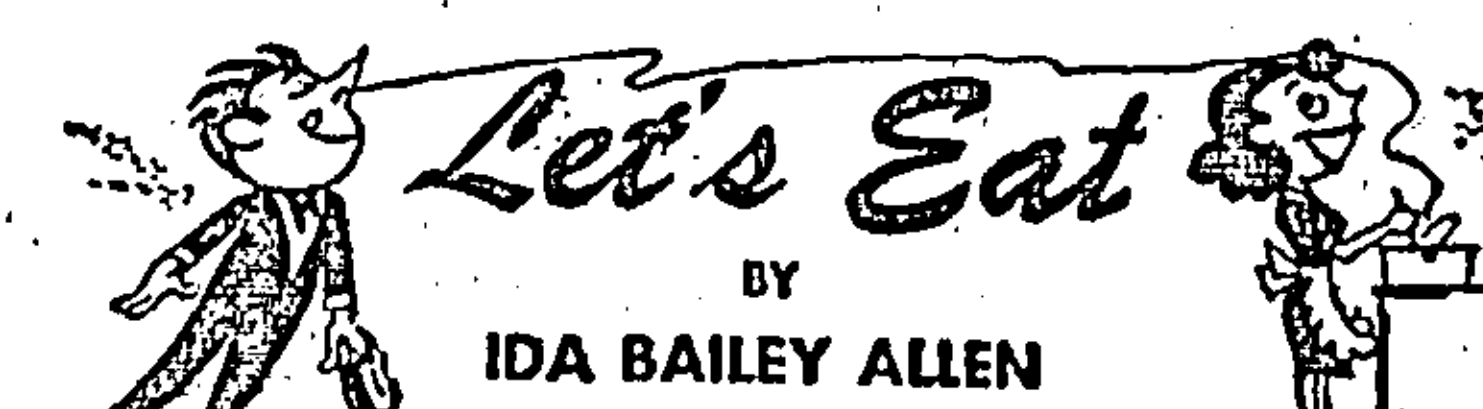
Many defects are caused by neglect. The girl who retires at night without removing make-up should be told that unless she takes a clean face to bed with her, the skin will not function normally. It is better to remove the war paint with a light cream than to go at it with nail and soap suds. The soapy cleansing should follow the creamy one. After a rinsing with warm water, a

gentle drying, more cream should be applied.

Lubrifications give life to the epidermal structure. They impart surface smoothness. The light massage necessary for spreading the fragrant emollient stimulates the blood streams and helps keep tissues firm. Just be careful not to push the flesh up around the eyes if you are past the thirtieth milestone. Fat and sleep.

If the skin is dry, and you live in a steam heated apartment, put water containers on every radiator and keep them filled to the top. More fatty elements in the diet will urge the sebaceous glands to perform more actively.

If the skin is oily, wash your face every night with a rich, sudsy lather and a complexion brush. After rinsing and drying apply a lotion made by dissolving one teaspoonful of ordinary baking soda in a cup of water. Every morning use cold water freely, apply witch hazel with pledgets of cotton.



## Prunes an Economical Buy

"EIGHTY three, eighty four," counted the Chef, "eighty five of these nice small prunes to one pound; is it a good buy, Madame?"

"A very economical buy," I agreed. "In fact, small prunes often have finer flavour than large ones."

### Vitamin Values

"Prunes and all other dried fruits are certainly not in the luxury class," I added. "The vitamin values of all dried fruits are good. The mineral values are excellent too, and the energy content is very high. Fortunately they are very plentiful this winter, and all smart homemakers will take advantage of them."

"Many persons don't buy them because they think they must be cooked for hours. But this is an old-fashioned method, that not only takes too much time, but actually impairs the vitamin values."

The up-to-date method is very simple. Just wash the fruit thoroughly in lukewarm water. Drain and put in a good-sized sauce pan; pour over boiling water to cover; put on a lid and let stand overnight, or better 24 hours. Or instead of water, use boiling hot apricot whole fruit nectar, pineapple juice, or syrup drained from canned fruits.

### Ready to Serve

Soaking alone makes prunes ready to serve. But figs, peaches, pears and apricots should be soaked, then slow-simmered in the same liquid for about 20 minutes. Add a little sugar or honey to peaches, pears and apricots after cooking; but no sugar for figs—just a little lemon juice. Instead, All the dried fruits are excellent for breakfast, either plain, or with ready-prepared, or hot cooked cereals.

"It's a good plan to keep two kinds of cooked dried fruits in the refrigerator always ready to use," observed the Chef.

"I have a friend whose cooking facilities are limited, who puts a dish of dried prunes in water on her radiator each evening, and so achieves hot prunes for her morning breakfast," I laughed.

"One of the most popular lunch-corn salads in restaurants the year round is a fig, apricot or prune salad with cottage cheese," the Chef went on. "And Madame, dried fruits are the basis of many delicious compotes served in fine hotels. They are always well chilled and arranged in large glass sauce dishes, or in china sauce dishes with an attractive border.

der. On one side are put two or three perfectly cooked prunes, apricots or figs. On the other are sliced oranges and seedless grapes, or sections of grape fruit and cherries to make a colour contrast."

### Dinner

Beef and Vegetable Soup (Lettovers)  
Escalloped Potatoes with Cheese  
Crisp Bacon Mashed Squash  
Moulded Beef and Cabbage Salad  
Apricot Custard  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

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Beef and Vegetable Soup  
Put the remainder of yesterday's casserole of beefs and vegetables into a good-sized sauce pan. Add 1 c. solid-pack tinned tomatoes, 1 qt. water, 2 bouillon cubes or 1 tsp. beef extract, 1/2 tsp. celery salt, 1/4 tsp. powdered bayleaf and 1 chopped onion slightly fried. In 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Cover and simmer 30 min. Serve in soup bowls.

### Moulded Beef and Cabbage Salad

First prepare the gelatin mixture as follows: Soak 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin 5 min. in 1/4 c. cold water. Then add 1 c. boiling water, 1/2 c. beet juice, (saved from boiled beets) 1/4 c. very mild vinegar, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. sugar. Chill until beginning to thicken. Then stir in 1 1/2 c. fine-chopped crisp white cabbage, 1 c. fine-chopped cooked or tinned beets and 2 tsp. prepared, horse-radish. Transfer to an 8" square pan, first rinsed with cold water. Chill about 4 hrs. or until firm. Cut in squares and serve on shredded lettuce; top with 1/2 tsp. cooked salad dressing or mayonnaise.

### Apricot Pudding

Rub a qt.-sized baking dish with butter or margarine. Line with fine crumbs of leftover cake or cookie. On the bottom put 1 1/2 c. sweetened stewed apricots. Pour over a plain sweetened custard mixture, and bake 45 min. in a moderate oven, 350 to 375° F. If the custard starts to boil, reduce the heat. It will be done when a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean.

Plain Custard Mixture: Scald 1 c. milk. Beat 2 eggs, (Grade A or B) until well-mixed. Add 1/3 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon or nutmeg, and a few grains salt. Beat again. Then stir in the scalded milk. Use as directed.

### Trick of the Chef

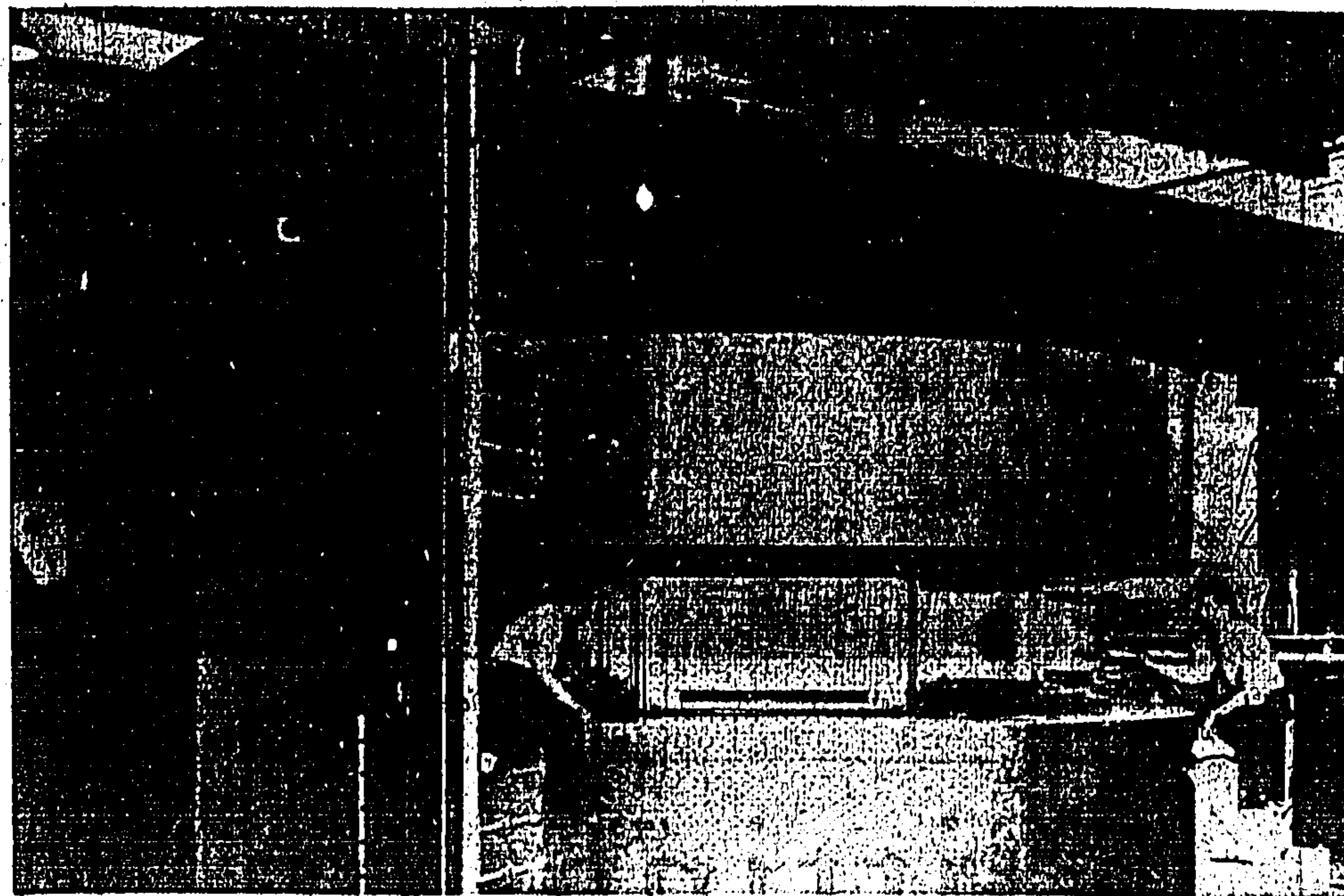
When using raisins or other dried fruits in cake or quick breads, put them through the coarse knife of the food chopper. They go farther, and there is less tendency to sink.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**COMPLICATED CONTROL BOARD**—Flight Engineer Dock R. Lee, Jr., checks the engines on a clipper plane in New York. The new engine analyser warns of trouble developing in any of the plane's four engines. The cathode ray scope shows the exact difficulty in any of the 72 cylinders or 144 spark plugs.



**NEW CYCLOTRON**—Technicians examine the University of Rochester's new 250,000,000-volt cyclotron. The 1,100-ton magnet yoke is enclosed between cylindrical magnetic poles which contain 16 miles of aluminum coils. It took two and a half years of planning, construction and development to complete the cyclotron.



**GALLANTRY IN ACTION**—Nicky Skey laces on Pat Edward's skates in a London skating arena. The five-year-olds were the youngest to compete in the Open Novice championship contests.



**TESTING RESULTS**—Dr. Sidney Barnes, left, and Dr. Joseph Platt check radioactivity of the new 250,000,000-volt cyclotron at Rochester University (see top centre picture). Standing behind a lead screen, the pair check a carbon target which has been made radioactive by bombardment of protons.



**IN A FOG**—This engine got lost in a fog in Albany, New York. Heavy mist caused the engineer to mistake a spur track for the main line, and the train went off the track. The fog was so thick that a time exposure was necessary to take this picture.



**GOOD START**—Miss Jeanne Crow of St Petersburg, Florida, has a good start in her ambition to become a model. In a contest with over 300 entrants she was chosen queen of the New York Press Photographers' 20th annual ball in New York.



This little Spanish girl, Stephanie Villalba, romps on a pile of luggage aboard the liner Queen Mary, which took her to the United States to join her parents in Philadelphia.



**HONOURED GUEST**—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, right, congratulates Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor at a luncheon given to the retiring superintendent of the United States Military Academy by industrialist Thomas J. Watson, left. The other member of the group is Francis Cardinal Spellman.



**THE CONVENTIONAL BRIBE**—Actor Tyrone Power and his bride, Linda Christian, pass a bottle of wine to a traffic policeman in Rome. The Italian custom goes in conjunction with celebration of Feast of the Epiphany, the significance being that they hope they won't have to obey traffic laws for the rest of the year.

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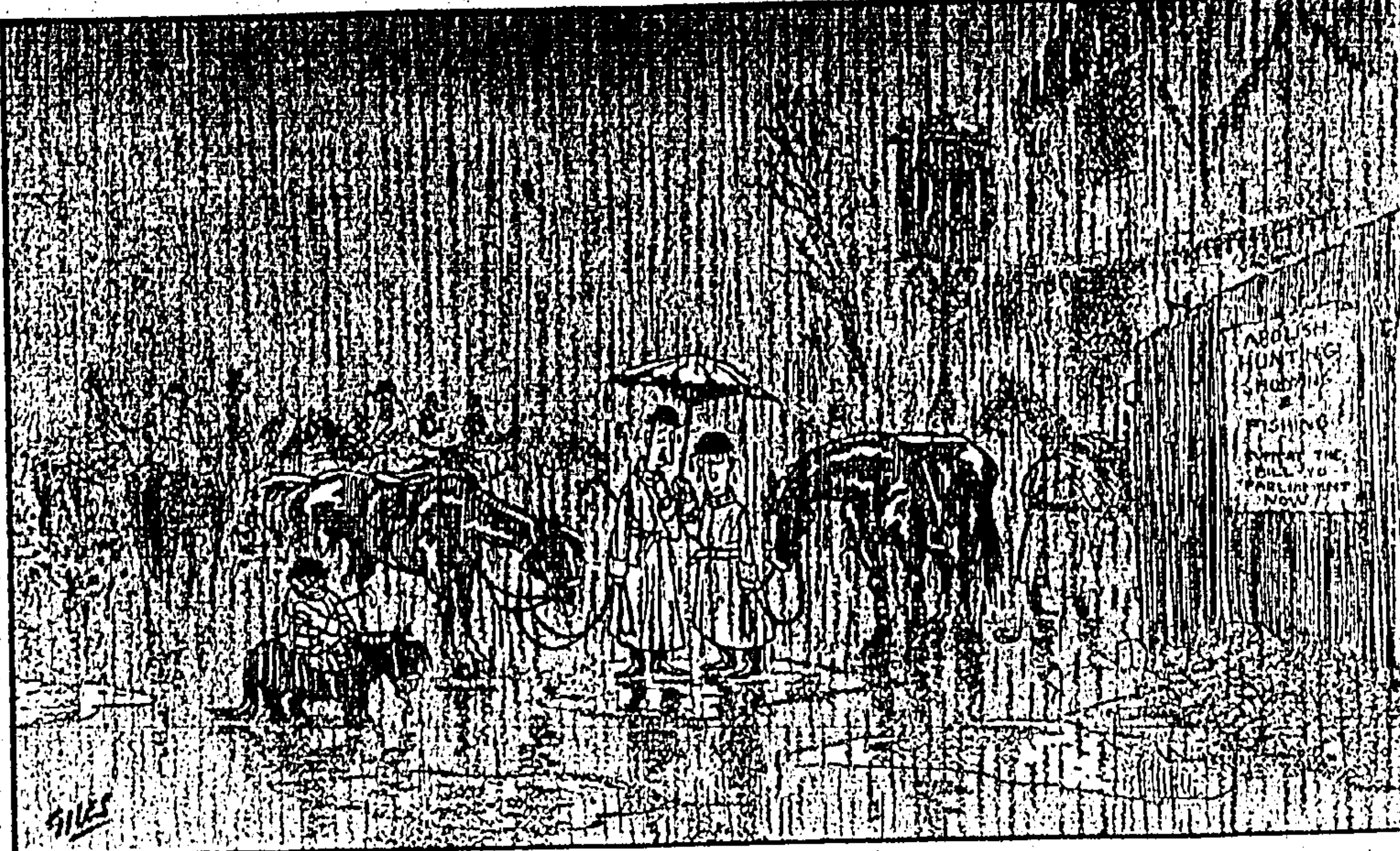
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"I think to call us 'Bloodthirsty rod-coated privileged-class fiends' is laying it on a bit thick, y'know."

## Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "I see we're going to be all right by 1952."

"Go on?" I said.

"And very nice, too."

"Very nice."

"Better than getting worse or staying as we are."

"Much better."

"Though so far as me and you are concerned," said the Sweep, "I reckon we shall just about average it by then."

"Speak for yourself," I said.

"We've ad two world wars with beer getting weaker and dearer after each."

"That's right."

"And taxes getting higher and higher."

"Too true."

"We've been on the ration for near on ten years."

"We are."

"And then they ask you to save the money they've pinched from you. Cor sufferin' arseholes, it makes you think, don't it?"

"It certainly do."

"By the time you and me wake up on New Year's Day, 1952," said the Sweep, "we shall have been bled white by the tax collector and won't have no money to buy any beer even if it's cheaper."

"We certainly won't."

"In fact," said the Sweep, "it's quite likely that we won't have any money to buy extra rations, even if it's only another Canadian egg a week."

"Quite likely."

"Because you needn't reckon on getting your postwar credits."

"I ain't reckonin on it."

"So far as them there credits are concerned," said the Sweep, "they're only most of us will die before we get paid out, which is likely probable."

"Tutty probable."

"And as most of those alive will have lost their credit forms, they'll have a nice little nest egg to go on feedin' them little old Germans for a few more years."

"They will an all."

"Cor stone the crows, I reckon them there little old Germans must be avin a laugh."

"I reckon they must."

"I see they're better fed than they ever was."

"That's right."

"They're getting their steel industries back."

"Yes."

"And now we're tryin to civilise them by showin them a bit of English for unfin. Cor strike a light, as if you could teach them anythink new about blood sports."

"As if,"  
"All the same, you don't want to start snivellin about nothink."  
"I ain't snivellin."  
"What you want is to forget all about it and ave one for the road."  
"The skin off your nose," said the Sweep.  
"The skin off your nose."

**Diary of a worm**

FLUSHED, excited worm arrives home late to say he and witty worm friends will volunteer to be instructors in new Civil Defence.

Oh, so this is worm's latest excuse to leave wife alone, is it? Not content with making fool of himself in Home Guard, when he had to give up silly stripe because men blew raspberries at him, power-mad worm now wants to show off in Civil Defence, jording it in low tavern wearing silly uniform and pouring money over counter while cadging worm friends tell silly stories.

Wife wouldn't mind being left every evening in frozen pigsty if puny, undersized worm didn't look such a fool in uniform and if puny, undersized worm wouldn't be laughing stock of Civil Defence.

If puny, undersized worm had commanding presence like gas manager, who could quell raspberry-blowers with a look, and who, no doubt, will soon be in charge of whole Civil Defence area, apart from managing gas and being head of Rotarians, wife wouldn't mind being left to deal with atom bomb alone, as she was left to deal with H.E.s and doodlebugs and V2s alone.

As it is, worm will spend three or four evenings a week with witty worm friends, trying to learn things he will never understand and spending pitiful pittance in low taverns. I've millionaire play boy; and will probably catch death of cold, be absent from parade and fined £5, which would go towards buying new curtains to replace threadbare rags now hanging in miserable hovel.

Moreover, wife can see Civil Defence leading to more reunion dinners.

Not content with Kaiser's war reunion dinners, Home Guard reunion dinners, and club dinners, gluttonous worm will soon be going to Civil Defence dinners where wives are not invited, instead of going to Rotarian dinners, like gas manager, and entertaining ladies of inner wheel, with sherries in bar before soup is served and champagne in buckets of ice throughout meal.

Moreover, as worm has neither brains nor constitution to stand

strain of new A.R.P., worm's health will break down and City employers will jump at opportunity to fire worm from office boy's job so that wife will never be able to hold head up in Worm-avenue grain.

**Now you know**

THE chief point made by a Frenchman, M. Jean Ballhache, in "The Secret of the English," a penetrating but unusually friendly analysis of the English character, is that our silliness, our repression of emotions, our habit of understatement, and even our apparent lack of enthusiasm over good food (if we can get any) is an unconscious but universal national effort to conserve our energies for great moments.

This, he believes, is the secret of "the miracle of 1940," and many more miracles which have baffled the Germans and other wooden-headed barbarians in the past.

This must be why Englishmen hide their faces behind newspapers in trains, refusing to take part in any conversation more exhausting than "Mind the window, open!" "Not a bit," why they never waste energy complaining about food in a restaurant, but pay the bill, go grimly out and never come back; why they walk away from you or talk bantering nonsense if you try to engage them in a tedious discussion on politics or any other controversial matter; why they hate kissing goodbye on railway stations, and greet long absent friends they love with "Hullo, you. Had a good time?" why they prefer animals to men because they can't argue; why they avoid people they dislike rather than suffer the emotional disturbance of a quarrel; why they hate anybody who is a nuisance, disturbing their peace of mind.

Yet, according to M. Ballhache, our passions run higher and our emotions are more violent than the passions and emotions of any other people on earth.

Watch out Lady Snapdragon. The bishop is not as indifferent as he seems.

**Party conversation**

"My husband says if you formed up his female relations in column of threes it would take them an hour to march past any given point."

"Margaret's father's invented a new bomb to humanise war. It is filled with alcohol, which atomises when the bomb explodes and makes your enemies happily light."

"The only real sickness in the country is in black market circles, where they make themselves ill with overeating."

"My husband says if the Ministry of Food really wanted to know the names of black market operators they would only have to look at the doctors' case books."

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"The smaller the place and the smaller the overheads, the more they charge you for drinks."

"Brenda's husband's thinking of breaking windows so that he can get into prison to escape her awful cooking."

"Margaret's father says that instead of troops having field training they will have cocktail party training for the alcoholic bomb war."

"With my income tax I should think I have bought new dentures for every old-age pensioner in the country."

"Of course, if they nationalise hotels and pubs that will be the end of the Government."

"Who's going to pay for everything when Stafford Cripps has taken and spent all our money?"

"Margaret's father says alcohol bombs will make war so enjoyable that people will be declaring war on each other just for the fun of it."

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### NEW YORK CABLE-LETTER:

## This Screen Hypnosis

By FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK. THOSE of us who live in America are now face to face with the fact that, so far as this country is concerned, the television age is upon us. There are only about 900,000 sets in the entire country, yet television is already having the most profound effects on home life, the show business, children and animals, travelling, having a tooth pulled—and the general prospects of the populace retaining a semblance of sanity.

In Greenwich Village, New York's pale imitation of the Quarter Latin and of Chelsea, a church has had to put in a television set to keep the youngsters from spending their time in the local taverns, where the television is free.

In Brooklyn a restaurant has decided to close down every Tuesday from 8 to 9 p.m., and has put a card in the window reading: "Dedicated to the Milton Berle television show."

On Sixth Avenue the owner of a bar has been arrested for permitting his 10-year-old son to sit close to the bar in order to see the television.

In California land agents are advertising sites not because they have a view, but because they are "ideally located for television." In New York no mother can hire a baby-sitter unless she can prove that television is installed, and is in working order.

Teachers are alarmed because they fear children are losing the reading habit, running their eyes by sitting hour after hour over a flickering television screen. Sports promoters complain that people flock to stadiums no more. Why should they, when they can see the game by their own fireside?

Lending libraries are in the doldrums. People cannot read and watch television at the same time. One of Manhattan's top night clubs holds up its floor show now until the patrons have finished watching the prize fights on the club's television set.

Husbands, say wives, are staying at home more. But more meals than ever before are being ruined—either burned while the wife is in the drawing-room looking at the set herself, or left to go cold while the family gaze at the programme and forget the food.

Eve specialists report far more eyestrain cases. Living rooms remain darkened night after night, and those who get tired of television try to read with insufficient light so as not to spoil the fun for the rest.

Furniture-makers say more chairs are wanted, fewer sofas, since chairs can be grouped in rows and sofa parties spoil the view.

New industries are springing up all across the country, in the wake of the latest craze. All kinds of television gadgets are on the market; glasses that glow in the dark so that

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## TELLING TALES

... of the kind of world we live in

ONE by one the filament-type electric light bulbs disappear for ever from the big city offices... and now even in the small towns of England a clerk has been heard to say to a typist: "Darling, I love you—even under fluorescent lighting."

A FIRM of furniture manufacturers wrote to a customer: "Sir—Further to your esteemed order for 20 medium oak chairs, the Board of Trade halved the order and sanctioned only ten."

"Will you please submit a further order for 20 chairs, so that the Board of Trade can halve this, and so give us the requisite number of chairs?"

THE FARMER with a herd of Suffolk cattle—famous as a hornless breed—wanted an export licence to send some of them abroad. It was granted "on condition that brass registration plates are attached to the animals' horns."

IN KENSINGTON there is a man who had his leg amputated during the war. He was entitled to an extra soap ration, so he applied for the extra soap coupons.

When they were exhausted he applied for more coupons. The official told him that he could have them if he produced a certificate that his leg was still off.

WESTMINSTER wickerack: The stately homes of England now house only Borsal boys, criminal lunatics, and the National Coal Board, but there is always hope for the first two.

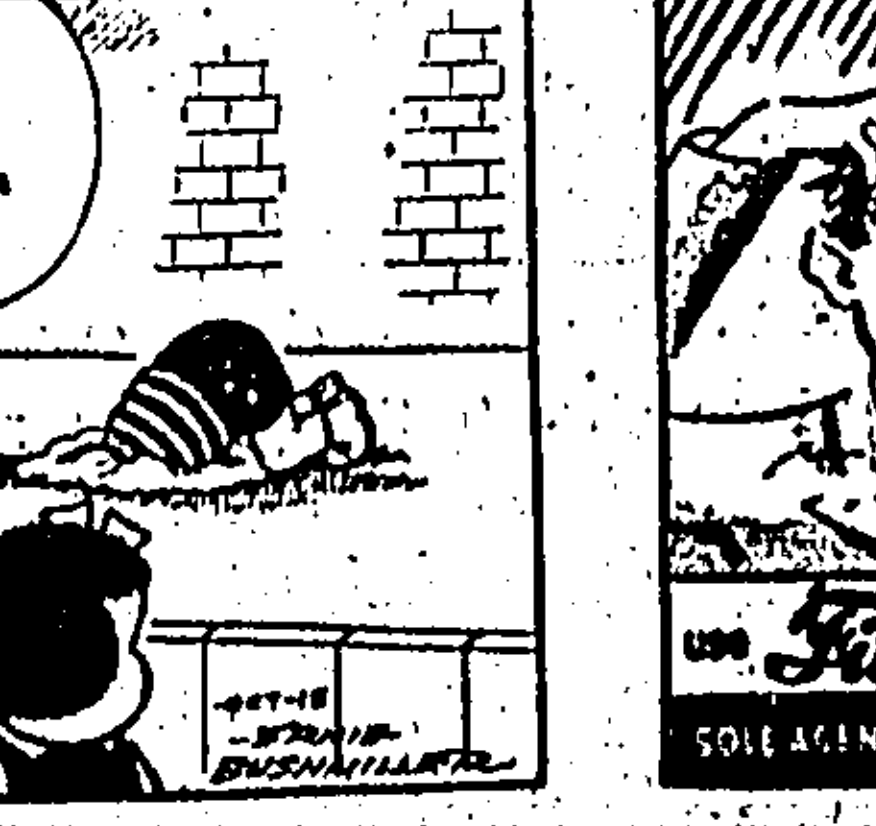
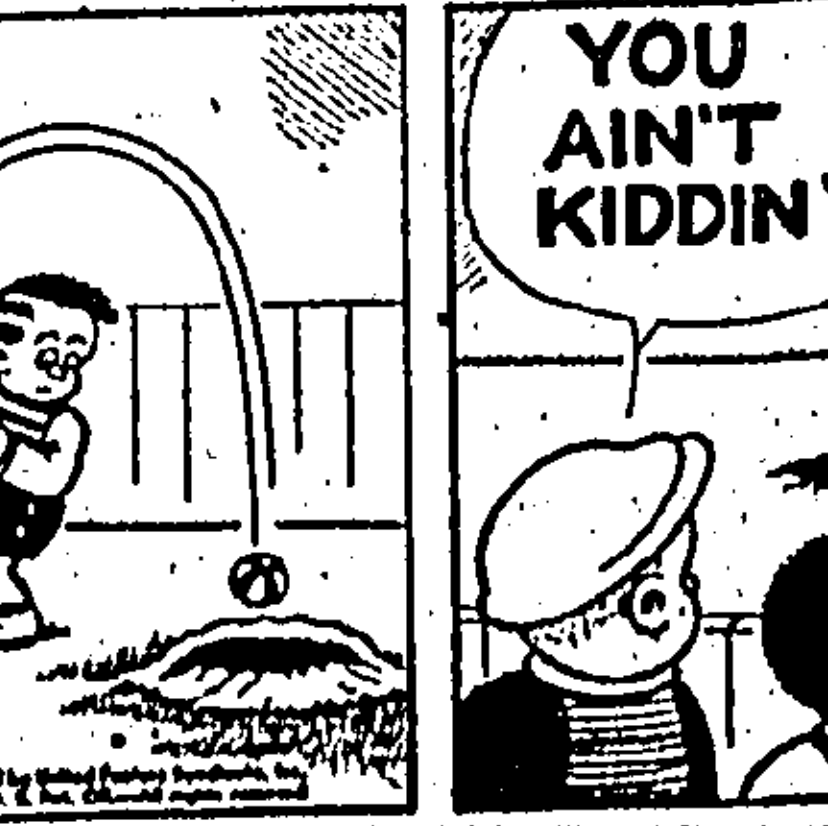
"No Londoner," the lady replied proudly, "expects to be comfortable in wintertime."

M. ZAPOTOCKY, the Czech Prime Minister, had a bright idea for personal promotion. He ordered a special issue of postage stamps carrying his portrait.

And then he called at an office in PRAGUE to see how they were selling. "Badly," said the man behind the grille. "People say there's no glue on them."

Zapotocky turned one over and licked it. "There's plenty of glue on this one," he growled. The salesman interrupted: "But round these parts they don't spit on that side."

### NANCY Just Like That



To-Morrow: "MIRACLE ON 34th STREET"



## Doc Rafferty.... By BERNARD NEWMAN

Scotland Yard identifies a micro-film found in the glass eye of a murdered man by Doc Rafferty, the police surgeon. It shows the plans of a new pile for making a prototype bomb at Atomville. Papa Pontivy, the ace counter-espionage, is called in.



## REDS IN CHUHSIEN ALLOW MISSIONARIES TO CARRY ON WORK

(By GERALD NOZICK)

Nanking, Feb. 15.—Missionary circles here today told the United Press that the American Protestant Mission centre in Red-occupied Chuhsien, 35 miles northwest of Nanking, had been given approval by the Communist authorities to carry on its religious activities.

The missionaries in Chuhsien, who are members of the United Christian Mission Society of the Disciples of Christ, are George Cherryhomes, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Irene Goulter of Enid, Oklahoma.

Letters from the Chuhsien missionaries recently received by mission circles here said the Communist military authorities not only granted them permission to carry on religious work, but also gave approval to 15

other United Christian Missions in Red areas which stretch as far north as Pengpu, 110 miles northwest of Nanking.

The letters from the Chuhsien mission, which is the headquarters for the 15 other church centres in this area, were brought out by travellers who crossed through Nationalist and Communist lines.

One of the letters said the Communist troops were "very friendly and courteous and showed every consideration and protection we could ask for." Mission circles here said this was in sharp contrast to conditions in Chuhsien under the Nationalists, who continually tried to occupy mission property.

The Communists were surprised to find that the missionaries had remained in Chuhsien and visited the mission for hours on end. The letter, without mentioning names, intimated that the mission was visited by some prominent Communists.

The letters said the Communists had placed no restrictions upon the movements of the missionaries, who are planning to travel through the Communist-controlled countryside to visit other long-isolated mission centres.

Mission sources here point out that before the Communists occupied this area travel through the countryside was considered dangerous because of the threat of local bandits.

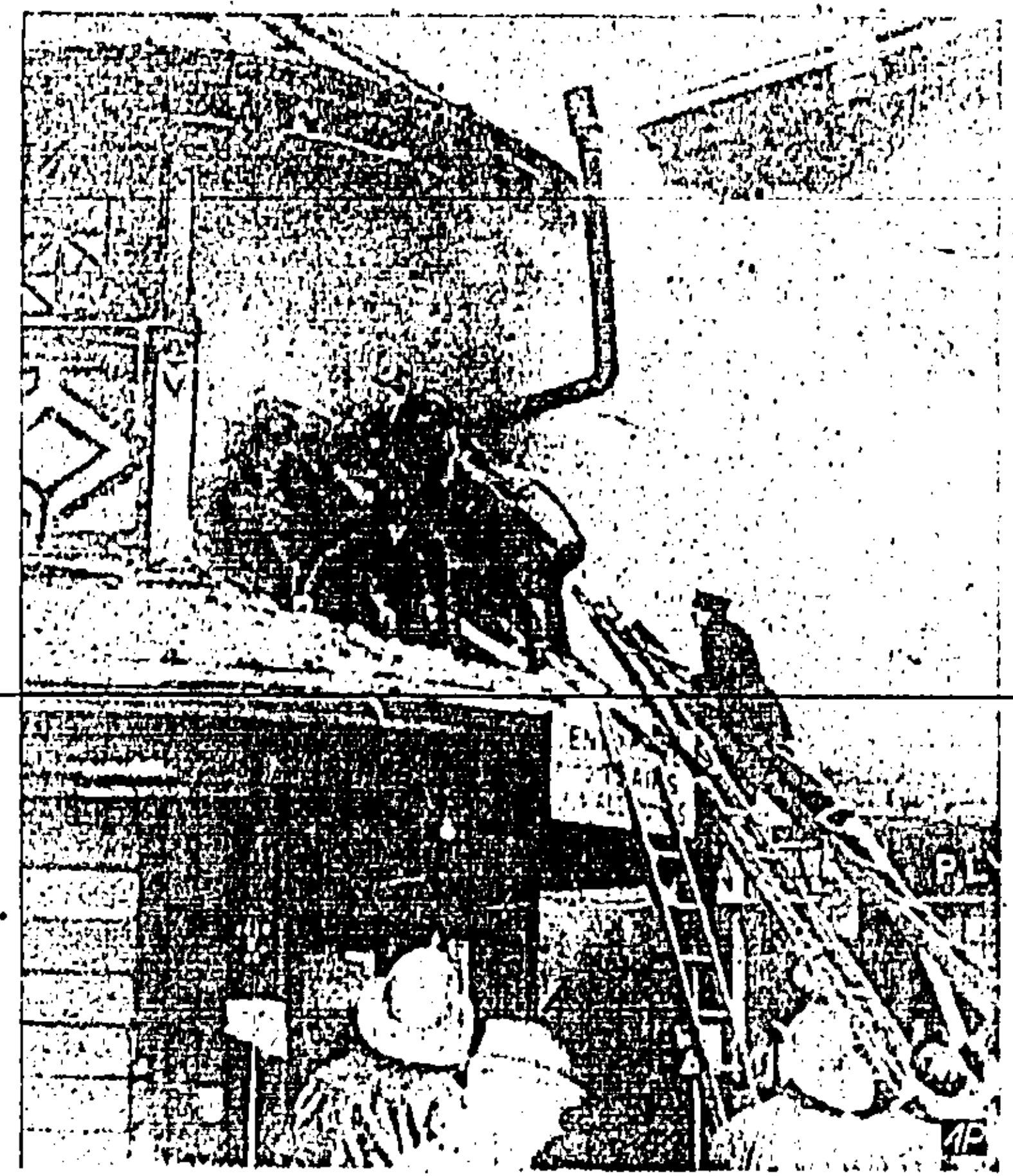
Another letter said there was no disorder in Chuhsien and very little looting when the Nationalist troops pulled out the day before the Reds entered the town, which is also a rail station on the Pukow-Tientsin line.

Travellers moving between Communist and Nationalist territory said that no difficulty was encountered crossing the Red lines, but the Nationalists were stricter and inspected identification papers.

Meanwhile, United Christian Mission circles here said that since January 30 no word had been received from their missions at Nanking, which is run by two American women, Nanting, 60 miles north of Shanghai, was occupied by the Communists at the beginning of this month.

The two women are Miss Pauline Star of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Lyrel Tergarden of Danbury, Connecticut.—United Press.

## Subway Fire Kills Three



Firemen attempt to enter a subway station in Boston through a second-storey tower to fight a fire which started underground, causing at least three deaths and then swept upwards through the station. The fire halted all subway traffic, blocked surface traffic in the congested waterfront area and caused a panic among waiting passengers. —AP Picture.

## Accused Says He Made Loans From Club Funds

### LETTER READ TO COURT IN TRIAL OF NAVAL DOCKYARD CLERK

A statement that he had loaned money to various people from the club's funds was made in a letter written by accused and read to the Court when the trial of Robert George Stewart, 26, clerk employed in the Cashier's Office of the Royal Naval Dockyard, continued before Mr Justice Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused, who was treasurer of the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club from 1946 until July, 1948, faces four counts of larceny by clerk or servant, two counts of falsification of accounts with intent to defraud and four alternative counts of simple larceny, involving approximately \$18,000.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by ASP R. H. Woodhead, is prosecuting. Mr Percy Chen appears for accused under a scheme of the Bar Association to assist in the defence of poor prisoners.

The jury empanelled comprises five men and two women.

W. E. Jacques, a former secretary of the club, who gave evidence yesterday, told Mr Heenan in re-examination that when the draft balance sheet of the club was produced by the accused, he had no reason to doubt accused's statement that it came from the auditors.

### NO AUTHORITY

Witness said that on September 16, 1947, the Committee decided to let the fixed deposit of \$8,000 with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank stand for the ensuing year. Accused, as treasurer, was present. He had therefore no authority to transfer the deposit to current account.

The only relation between the accounts kept by the bar convenor, Flowers, and those kept by accused were in so far as the handing over of the profits of the bar was concerned, witness said. Flowers would have no further excess or control over money so handed over to accused.

J. G. Wickham, civil secretary in the Royal Naval Dockyard, said he took up the appointment in September, 1948, but prior to that he was the Cashier in the Dockyard. Accused was employed as clerk in the Cashier's Office and he was directly under the control of witness.

On July 1 or 2 last year he was approached by Capt. Salter (who was then the chairman of the Recreation Club), witness continued, and as a result of a conversation with him, witness assumed the position of treasurer of the club. A day or so later, accused brought him the account books of the club and explained the manner in which they were kept.

He investigated the books, witness said, and asked accused to obtain bank statements which were subsequently supplied to him.

### DISCOVERS DEFICIT

On July 10 he carried out a check of the accounts and found there was a deficit. He consulted with Jacques and Capt. Salter and as a result of that consultation he passed the books and accounts to the au-

## BERLIN AIRLIFT PLANE CRASHES

Berlin, Feb. 15.—An American Skymaster on the airlift run to Berlin crashed and burst into flames 16 kilometres north of Celle, in the British Zone of Germany, tonight.

The crew of another Skymaster which was following reported that they could see the plane blazing on the ground, according to the Wiesbaden headquarters of the United States Air Force.

The crashed plane was believed to have a crew of three. The plane had taken off at 0.17 p.m. local time from a British Zone airport terminus and was to have flown to Berlin.—Reuter.

## Mystery Gas Ruins Nylons

### GIRLS' STOCKINGS "POP APART"

Jacksonville, (Florida), Feb. 15.—Local girls went to work today with their stockings in their handbags, following the appearance yesterday of a mysterious gas which ruined hundreds of pairs of nylons.

The City Health Department narrowed the "disintegration" district to two blocks and officials said the trouble was probably caused by half-burned particles of fuel and oil soot.

While hundreds of women felt their stockings "popping apart" yesterday, only a trickle of such occurrences was reported today.

But many women complained that their legs were pink with irritation, and many also felt gas burns about their faces and necks.

Lillian Jones, 37, said she had red welts on her face, ankles and shoulders. She said that while waiting for a light to change, she suddenly had a sensation as if something had bitten her.

"I slapped at my legs. When I got ready to punch my time card, I saw girls holding their faces. Others were looking at their stockings. I looked at them and they were in shreds."

The damage occurred in all brands of nylons and City, State and College chemists have begun to test damaged pairs.

In Wilmington, Delaware, a spokesman for Dupont de Nemours Company, which manufactures most of the nylon for stockings, believed a curious combination of acid fumes was responsible.

In Cleveland a year ago a similar occurrence ruined 200 pairs of nylons. Nobody ever found out the cause.—United Press.

## MR J.P. SHERRY RETIRING

Mr John P. Sherry, Managing Director of the Hongkong Telephone Company Ltd., will be retiring next month after many years with the firm.

Mr Sherry, who originally came to Hongkong from England as an engineer for the Telephone Company, has been with the establishment for nearly 30 years. He succeeded Mr James H. Taggart, OBE, as Managing Director in about 1938.

Mr Sherry held the rank of major in the communications section during the war and was interned in the Argyll Street officers' camp. His daughter and son are undergraduates at the Hongkong University.

## Armistice Talks Deadlock Ends

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Once the Israeli-Egyptian agreement is signed, the stage can be set for Israeli-Transjordan talks. A high United Nations source told Reuter today that Transjordan was anxious to come to Rhodes quickly for the armistice talks and had to be warned not to come before the present talks are finished.

It was expected that there would be a gap of a few days between the two sets of negotiations to give the Israeli delegation a rest.

It is fairly well established here that Dr Walter Eytan, the head of the Israeli delegation, will not lead the delegation at the next talks. It is presumed that one of his deputies at the Foreign Ministry, where he is Director General, will take over.

United Nations circles here tempered their optimism with caution despite the favourable trend of the negotiations in the past few days, but it is apparent that they regard the chances of agreement higher today than at any time since the conference opened.—Reuter.

## THIS SCREEN HYPNOSIS

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you do not upset your drink while groping behind you, your eyes glued to the set; revolving chairs so that you can spin round from your dinner, and get a glimpse of television between mouthfuls; folding chairs for the neighbours to use when there is a good programme on; special spectacles that "eliminate television's eye-straining glare."

Dentists are putting sets in front of their chairs. Dogs, pet owners are finding, watch television with fascination. Cats, with their imperturbable good sense, will have nothing to do with it, and just walk out.

Theatre tickets are easier to get, and cinema profits increasingly hard to make. Sales are off in home movies, gramophone records, simple radio sets—and especially books.

Television has been tried out in cars. And the trouble is, it works. A New York senator is talking of a Bill to prohibit sets in cars, while there are still any voters left alive.

## Li Tsung-Jen Tightens Hold

(Continued from Page 1)

It would be the first attempt to get the temporarily retired President back into the political picture.

The Social Welfare Daily said that Canton legislators met to discuss the Yuan's meeting place and most of the members favouring Canton sent a message to Chiang, who is now in Chikow, Chekiang province, for a decision on the matter.—United Press.

### KOO'S STATEMENT

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo, said on Tuesday the Nationalist Government is unwilling to make peace with the Communists "without freedom."

Dr Koo said he expressed this attitude in a conference at the State Department with Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson.

He said he also took up the matter of extending American aid to the Nationalists.

"I made it clear to the Secretary that while our people are most anxious for peace, they want it with freedom and with national independence and political safeguard," Dr Koo told reporters.

"We do not want peace on any terms, peace without freedom." The envoy said in response to a question that he wished he could be optimistic about the negotiations with the Communists, but commented: "I have not seen any signs of progress."

The present \$400,000,000 programme of United States aid to China is due to expire on April 2.

Dr Koo said the matter of providing new assistance was touched on, and added that he "tried to elicit the views of the United States Government."—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES

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Closing Times By Sea  
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Bangkok, 2 p.m.

## INCOME TAX CUT IN AUSTRALIA

Canberra, Feb. 15.—The Prime Minister, Mr Joseph Chifley, announced today that the Australian Government would introduce legislation to cut income taxes 25 per cent.

Mr Chifley told the House of Representatives that a reduction in the income and entertainment taxes was made possible by the estimated surplus in the budget.—United Press.



## TEST MATCH

## ENGLAND IN A VERY SOUND POSITION

Johannesburg, Feb. 15.—England finished the third day of the fourth Test match against South Africa here today 318 runs ahead with seven wickets to fall. The match ends tomorrow.

South Africa declared at 257 for 9 wickets in reply to England's first innings total of 379.

Starting their second innings with a lead of 122 runs, England were 196 for 3 wickets at the close of play.

Len Hutton, who has been advised to rest for the next two matches because of the strain of the tour, played a faultless innings of 111 not out in England's second innings.

He gave another fine display of batmanship and reached his second century of the present Test series, and his fifth of the tour in three and a quarter hours.

Cyril Washbrook, helped in an opening partnership of 77, but Denis Compton, promoted in the batting order, scratched about uncomfortably for 85 minutes for 25 runs.

Lawrence Markham, the leg-break bowler, who was a first-class Test victim in Compton, who was beaten by a googly.

Dudley Nourse had taken his overnight score to 120 not out when he surprisingly declared South Africa's first innings closed during the luncheon interval.

This move was apparently made in the hope of diminishing England's chances of going all out for a win, to level the series at one win each, with one more Test to be played.

## EARLIER PLAY

A fighting not-out century by Dudley Nourse, South Africa's captain, not only saved the possibility of his side having to follow on in the first innings, but also enabled them to declare at lunch.

South Africa were 257 for nine wickets at lunch in reply to England's first innings score of 379 and they declared, still 122 runs behind.

Nourse batted magnificently, scoring all round the wicket with powerful shots, for 120 not out. His century was reached in just over four hours, and was marred only by a chance of stumping this morning when at 77. It was his second century of the series.

Nourse received solid support from the tall end batsman, who helped to add 98 runs to South Africa's score in 105 minutes today.

Cuan McCarthy, cleverly shielded from the bowling, stayed for 25 minutes before lunch without scoring.

## THE SCOREBOARD

South Africa, 1st Innings					
Mitchell, c Griffith, b Bedser	2				
E. Rowan, run out	0				
K. Viljoen, run out	0				
A. D. Nourse, not out	120				
W. Waite, l.b.w. b Young	6				
T. Harris, b Bedser	12				
A. Rowan, b Gladwin	0				
L. Tuckett, b Young	0				
L. Markham, c Griffith, b Jenkins	20				
N. Mann, c Griffith, b Gladwin	14				
C. McCarthy, not out	0				
Extras	14				
Total (for 9 dec.)	257				

## Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Bedser	24	3	81	2
Gladwin	24	7	43	2
Jenkins	8	1	39	1
Young	23	6	52	2
Watkins	2	0	9	0
Compton	1	0	18	0

Byes 4, leg-byes 10.  
Fall of wickets—1/4, 2/4, 3/10, 4/126, 5/157, 6/156, 7/161, 8/192 and 10/230.—Reuter.

The close of play scoreboard reads:

England	
1st Innings 379.	
2nd Innings	
Hutton, not out	111
Washbrook l.b.w. b A. Rowan	31
Compton b Markham	25
Mann l.b.w. b A. Rowan	16
Crapp, not out	1
Extras	12
(for 3)	106

Bowling to date:

	O	M	R	W
McCarthy	7	2	25	0
Tuckett	8	0	32	0
A. Rowan	30	9	53	2
Mann	7	0	20	0
Markham	8	0	34	1
Mitchell	7	1	20	0

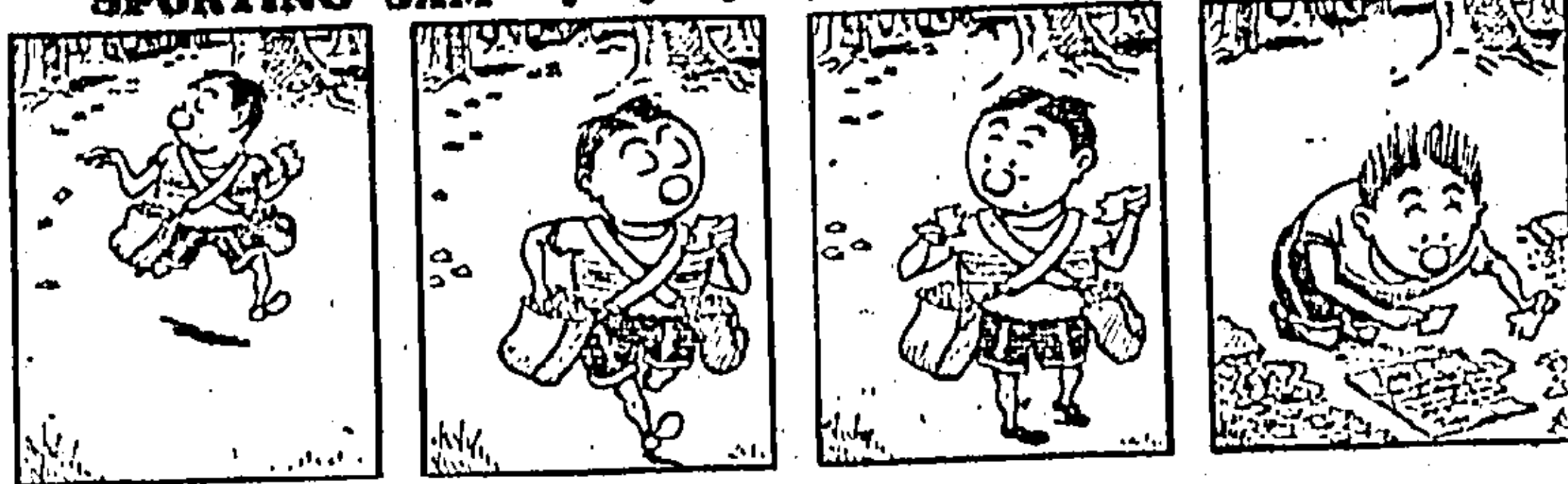
## Sheffield Shield

Sydney, Feb. 15.—New South Wales beat South Australia by eight wickets today to win the Sheffield Shield. South Australia still has two matches to play but cannot now overtake New South Wales, who have completed their programme.

The champion State knocked off the 105 runs needed for victory today for the loss of only one more wicket—that of Arthur Morris.—Reuter.

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## Negroes Having Better Time In American Sport

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Racial bias against the Negro in American sports continued to decline in 1948, and the chief target for a tolerance campaign in 1949 will be bowling, last major sport with ironclad colour bars.

Major league baseball, which finally eliminated racial intolerance in 1947 by signing Jackie Robinson, now scouts and signs Negroes almost as a matter of course.

Catcher Roy Campanella came up to the Brooklyn Dodgers this Spring. Brooklyn's farm team, St. Paul, will have Monte Irvin in 1949 and the 29-year-old outfielder, who led the Negro League in hitting for two years, may go up to Brooklyn quickly.

The National League champion Boston Braves signed Negro Walden Williams of New York, and the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, and Pittsburgh Pirates admitted they were scouting Negroes.

In professional basketball, the New York Pennsylvanians, famed Negro team, replaced the weak Detroit team in the National League and was well-received around the league.

## HOCKEY MOVES FORWARD

Hockey, too, moved forward in the area of tolerance. Three Negroes played for the first time in Madison Square Garden as members of the Sherbrooke team in the Quebec Senior League.

Ted Phoebe, national negro professional golf champion, played in the Montebello, Cal., Open and tied for second place, beating such men as Ellsworth Vines and former U.S. national Open champion Lloyd Mangrum.

A year ago there was protest against Negroes in such tournaments. But bowling still stands firm against tolerance. The sport is ruled by the American Bowling Congress, which sanctions all league play in all alleys during the year and then runs the national tournament.

The ABC constitution specifically limits membership to Caucasians only, Negroes, Orientals, Filipinos and other non-whites, all of whom may be American citizens, are barred.

## DETROIT PROTEST

Last year's ABC national tournament at Detroit was bitterly protested by labour unions and various civic leaders, including Hubert Humphrey, then mayor of Minneapolis and now a U.S. Senator.

At its convention at Detroit, the ABC voted to continue its ban. This year's tournament is at Atlantic City, and again labour unions protested to the New Jersey Governor and to Atlantic City's mayor, who replied that cancellation of the ABC meet would open the city to lawsuits and would cost too much money.

There was a charge of racial bias in connection with the Sullivan Trophy, given annually to the amateur athlete voted to have done the most for good sportsmanship. Olympic decathlon champion Bob Mathias won, and James Lee of Cleveland, a member of the Amateur Athletic Union Executive Committee, said that world hurdles champion Harrison Dillard failed to win only because of racial intolerance by voters in the southern states.

Dillard was second in voting in 1947 and 1948. Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, which conducts the vote among newsmen and sports leaders, said that Dillard got many votes from the South.—United Press.

## Deep South Stirs

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 14.—A bill introduced in the Georgia House of Representatives today would prohibit white and negro athletes from participating in the same contests.

The Brooklyn Dodgers recently announced that their negro stars, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, would be in action when the Dodgers played the Atlanta Crackers in an exhibition series this spring.—United Press.

## SNUBBED BY BOWLERS

Newark, N.J., Feb. 14.—The New Jersey Council of Industrial Organizations has asked the State Government to prohibit the American Bowling Congress Tournament at Atlantic City this month because it refused Negro entries.—Associated Press.

## Hveger Planning A Comeback

Copenhagen, Feb. 15.—Ragnhild Hveger, the greatest swimming star Denmark ever produced, wants to try a comeback after five years' retirement.

Hveger, 28, was rather unpopular in Denmark during and after the German occupation. She gave up amateur swimming, and in recent years has earned her living coaching swimmers in various Swedish towns.

The Danish swimming union has contacted Swedish officials to learn how much Ragnhild earned as a coach.

"Before then it is impossible to say whether she will ever have her amateur rights back. In any case, she will have a two-year quarantine, and if she has an amateur again," a union official said.

Hveger set 44 world and Danish records. Some of her world records have never been beaten.—Associated Press.

## Fanny Koen Rounds Off Her Tour

Sydney, Feb. 15.—Mrs Fanny Blankers Koen, who leaves for Holland by plane tomorrow, takes with her an unofficial new world record for the hundred yards.

Her time of 10.6 seconds, however, will not be recognised as an official record. She covered the distance in this time—2/10 of a second better than her own official world figure—tested in New South Wales, on Sunday, but the track did not conform to international standards, and she was assisted by a slight breeze.

This was Mrs Blankers Koen's last appearance of her tour, and she sportingly ran to please a crowd of 5,000, although she was suffering from travel sickness after a 200 miles journey up through the Blue Mountains.—Reuter.

## So Anxious

Tokyo, Feb. 15.—Members of the Japanese Olympic Association are going to sell pencils on the street to raise funds for an expedition.

They want to send a member to Rome for the meeting of the International Olympic Committee on April 28. He will plead for reinstatement of Japan so the nation can compete in the next Olympics.—Associated Press.

## Enthusiastic

Genoa, Feb. 15.—Italians are so enthusiastic about the first soccer match between Portugal and Italy that the stadium here is being enlarged to hold the spectators.

A special wooden stand for 12,000 is being added, bringing the capacity to 50,000 for the match on February 27.—Associated Press.

## Ice Hockey Upsot

Stockholm, Feb. 15.—Switzerland today sensationally defeated the United States 5-4 in the world ice hockey championships. The period scores were 4-1, 0-3, 1-0.—Associated Press.

## Interport Ruggor

The Hongkong Interport Rugby XV will be putting in their final training before Saturday's game against Shanghai on the Club Ground on Thursday evening instead of Wednesday.

## ON THE RECORD

## People Who Just 'Picked It Up'

There are people in this world with an aptitude for any type of game. They pick them all up in a twinkling. Before they are out of school, they have cups for cricket, football, hockey, tennis, volleyball and all else.

How far will they go after school? Making a statistical study would be a full-time job. One can only estimate and reach an odd conclusion from case histories one knows of.

The number of great sporting careers in school that do not last very much longer out of school is appreciable. Potentially great sprinters and star centre-halfs are talked about who, two or three years later, are memories.

Is it possible to account for this phenomenon with an explanation that is an easy one. One such was suggested to me the other day by a man who has experience of most of the sports in which one uses a ball, both as a player and as a coach.

"There are other faults so common to the self-taught player that no one will ever notice them. First of all, he is probably playing flat-footed. Secondly, the head of his racket is lower than the level of his wrist. Thirdly, he is not facing the net with his shoulder.

These three faults spoil tennis. You will also notice many people, in volleyball, hit at the ball before it dips and you will note the fact that most players are afraid of leaving the base line.

"The majority of players who pick the games we play, he told me, are self-taught. They are good enough, they then concentrate for a long time on developing a service. Here, practically everyone goes wrong. All attempt what is known as the 'cannonball'.

"A good service is essential to match-winning tennis. The number of players who can manage a good cannonball service is very small. One feel not widely known is that no one below 5 feet 10 inches in height can ever develop a cannonball service.

"You would think that would disqualify most players from ever developing into match-winners. There you would be wrong for many an outstanding player who lacks the height has developed an ordinary medium service with a good length that is timed to bounce just inside the service line and that is a harder service to return than a fast one."

As he developed timing, he won half the battle—the easiest part of it—the championship. What was left to him in the future was a collection of bad habits that he also picked up.

Before going any further, I must introduce you to the man from whom I borrowed much of the material for this article. He is Mr. Jenkins, a professional tennis coach who gives lessons in schools here and a former All-Australia hockey player.

Mr Jenkins, who ran his own tennis school in Claremont, Western Australia, before joining the Australian Expeditionary Force shortly after the outbreak of war in 1939, told me that the hardest people to teach tennis to are those who have played it for a good number of years.

"They have developed a whole set of habits," he told me, "and you have to break them down one by one. It usually takes a lot of time. There are many ways one plays a tennis ball with a tennis racket, but few of these are the right way."

"Practically any type of stroke will send the ball travelling back over the net. The point is, how much difficulty does it give the man on the other side in the return."

What Mr Jenkins said about tennis would stand, I am willing to agree, for most other sports. Habits developed are hard to break.

One saving point for local tennis is that we now have a number of coaches available. Mr Jenkins has regular classes in three schools where he is concentrating on introducing the right habits before the wrong ones creep in. In a few years, we may see the results.

—"RECORDER."

## Arthur Peall says:

M Y snooker stroke is built in. I top and a little right-hand side. This is too often taken very easily, but necessitates use of the feet on following brown. Played correctly, brown is a simple shot, but presenting no difficulty in getting on to spotted blue, a snooker point for clearing the board.

Everything depends on careful attention to the simple opening stroke.

Bullard shot is a half-ball in-off over the net. The point is, how much difficulty does it give the man on the other side in the return.

Riggs, Pails, Kramer and Segura will play at Wembley from May 30 to June 4. They will also appear in Lisbon, Scotland, Sweden and France. The team may be joined by Henri Cocchi (France) and Donald Budge (United States).—Reuter.

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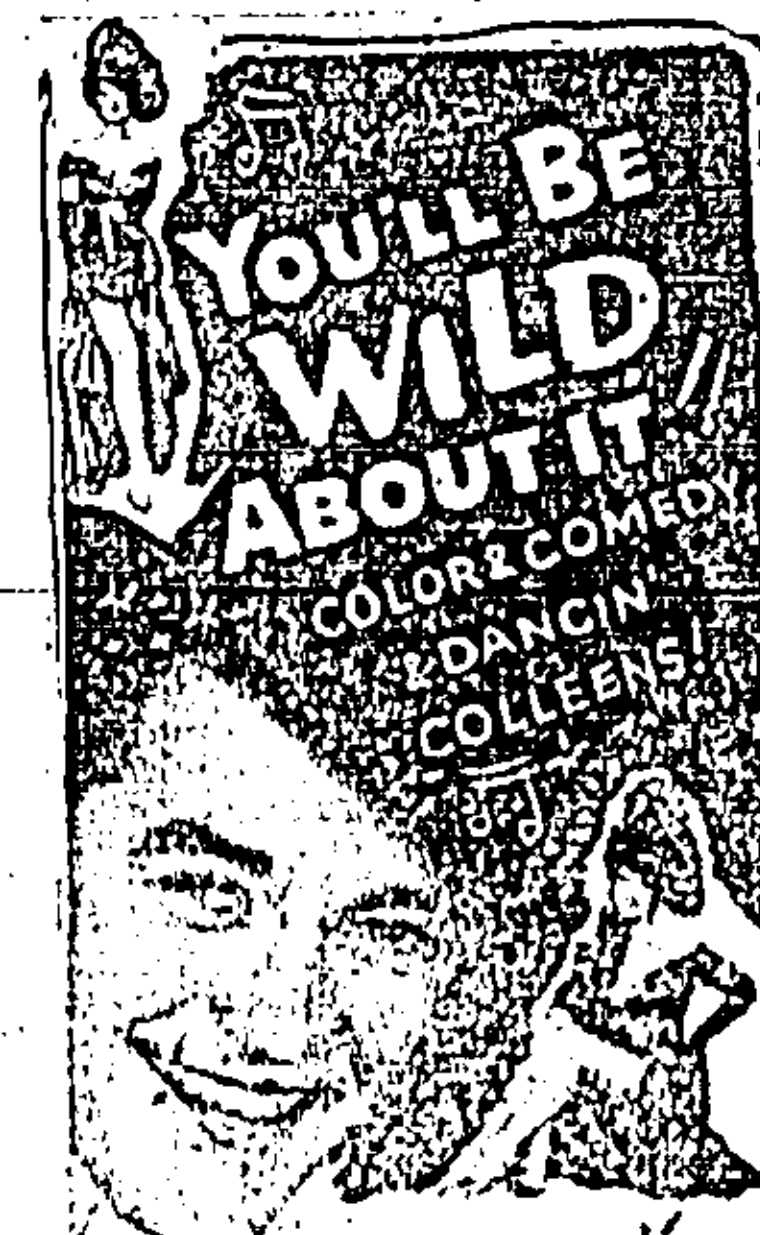
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## British Spokesman's Strong Criticism

### AN "INHUMAN PRACTICE"

Lake Success, Feb. 15.—The "inhuman practice" of forced labour was spreading westwards "following the Hammer and Sickle," Mr Christopher Mayhew, British Under-Secretary of State, declared in the Economic and Social Council today.

He asked why forced labour camps were "kept so secret" if, as the Soviets claim there is no mass forced labour but merely a few correction labour camps.

He added: "The inhuman practice of forced labour is now spreading beyond the boundaries of the Soviet Union. We see the evil growing in Czechoslovakia, in Bulgaria, and in the Soviet Zone of Germany. We see now that forced labour is not an exclusive Russian phenomenon. It belongs to the practice of Communism in several countries."

"In Czechoslovakia no attempt is made to disguise the fact that forced labour camps now exist," he said. Before October 25, 1948, he said, some 17,000 State prisoners who had remained in Czechoslovakia were known to have been sent to forced labour camps, mainly in Eastern Czechoslovakia. Some were deported to the Soviet Union.

"I am not suggesting to the Council that forced labour in Czechoslovakia has reached the full scale and the full horror of forced labour in Soviet Russia," Mr Mayhew stated, "but the seed is there and all experience suggests that the evil will grow."

### "IDLER'S CAMPS"

In Bulgaria, he said, laws had established labour educational camps, and "idlers' camps." The latter are camps for the milder form of concentration camps, involving six months' sentences; of heavy manual labour, he stated.

"The labour educational communities, which are chiefly for local prisoners, and in which the sentence is nominally restricted to one year, conditions are extremely harsh and the heavy and unhealthy work often results in death."

"Severe punishment for slight offences is the rule, and there is far too little food, medical facilities and other amenities."

### SENT TO SIBERIA

"There are, we have reason to believe, two to three hundred thousand prisoners in six major or seven smaller camps. Corroborated prisoners' reports state that many of the 17,000 prisoners in Buchenwald in April, 1947, were sent to forced labour camps in Siberia, and that on January 31, 1948, 47,600 prisoners were deported from the MVD (Secret Soviet Police), internment camps at Feunfelchen for labour in the Kuzbas factories in Siberia.

"The reports comment on the intense hunger and cold, great overcrowding and almost universal incidence of disease brought on by malnutrition and insanitary living conditions."

"The camps described are prison camps at Bautzen, Jarmitz and Buchenwald, and the MVD prisons at Pirna, Dresden and Mulburg—the latter with 30,000 inmates."

"How is it possible to reconcile the figure of just under a million German prisoners of war in the Soviet Union given by Mr Molotov to the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow in 1947, with the huge numbers listed in Soviet communiques during the war amounting to approximately 3,740,000 men?"

"If we say that half a million of these Germans were Austrians and Volksdeutsche, and also allow for deaths since the capitulation, the figures of Germans returned from Soviet camps still leave large numbers unaccounted for."

"There must be in all nearly two million Germans doing something in the Soviet Union. Many German prisoners of war released from the Western Zones have been sent to the USSR for forced labour, as well as some 175,000 German civilians enticed by false contracts."

### WHY THE SECRECY?

"The defence of the Soviet delegate is that there is no mass forced labour in the Soviet Union, but there are merely a few corrective labour camps, conducted in a praiseworthy, civilised way."

"Sufficient evidence is already available to the free world regarding the size and extent of these camps and the conditions which exist in them to refute this argument."

"Moreover, we are bound to ask, if the argument is true, why are the camps kept so secret? It is open at any time to the Soviet Government to prove its case by letting the world see the true conditions which exist."

"If these camps are relatively small, humanely conducted, corrective camps, why are they shrouded in such absolute secrecy?"

"They are even more strictly guarded and concealed than were Hitler's concentration camps. Freedom of movement for foreigners was greater in Nazi Germany than in the Soviet Union today."

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## S. Korea's Application For UN Membership To Be Considered

Lake Success, Feb. 15.—The United Nations Security Council today referred the application of Southern Korea for membership to its Membership Committee over strenuous objections from the Soviet Union.

Mr Jacob Malik, the Russian delegate, opposed consideration of the Korean application, branding the South Korean Government as "merely a local branch of the United States occupation authorities" and describing its application for membership as "tantamount to an insult thrown in the face of the Korean people."

The Council voted down Mr Malik's objections nine to two and sent the application to the Membership Committee, which comprises representatives of all 11 nations holding Security Council seats.

On the basis of Mr Malik's outspoken attack on the establishment of the American-backed South Korean Government, it was indicated that Russia might exercise its 30th veto when the Membership Committee returned its recommendation at some unspecified date. Indications were the recommendation would be favourable.

### 40-MINUTE TIRADE

Mr Warren Austin (United States) opposed the purported membership application made on behalf of the Soviet-supported government of Northern Korea. Mr Austin contended that the North Korean application had been made only by telegram and was intended more as a statement of intention for the Information Council of the Council than a bona fide application for membership.

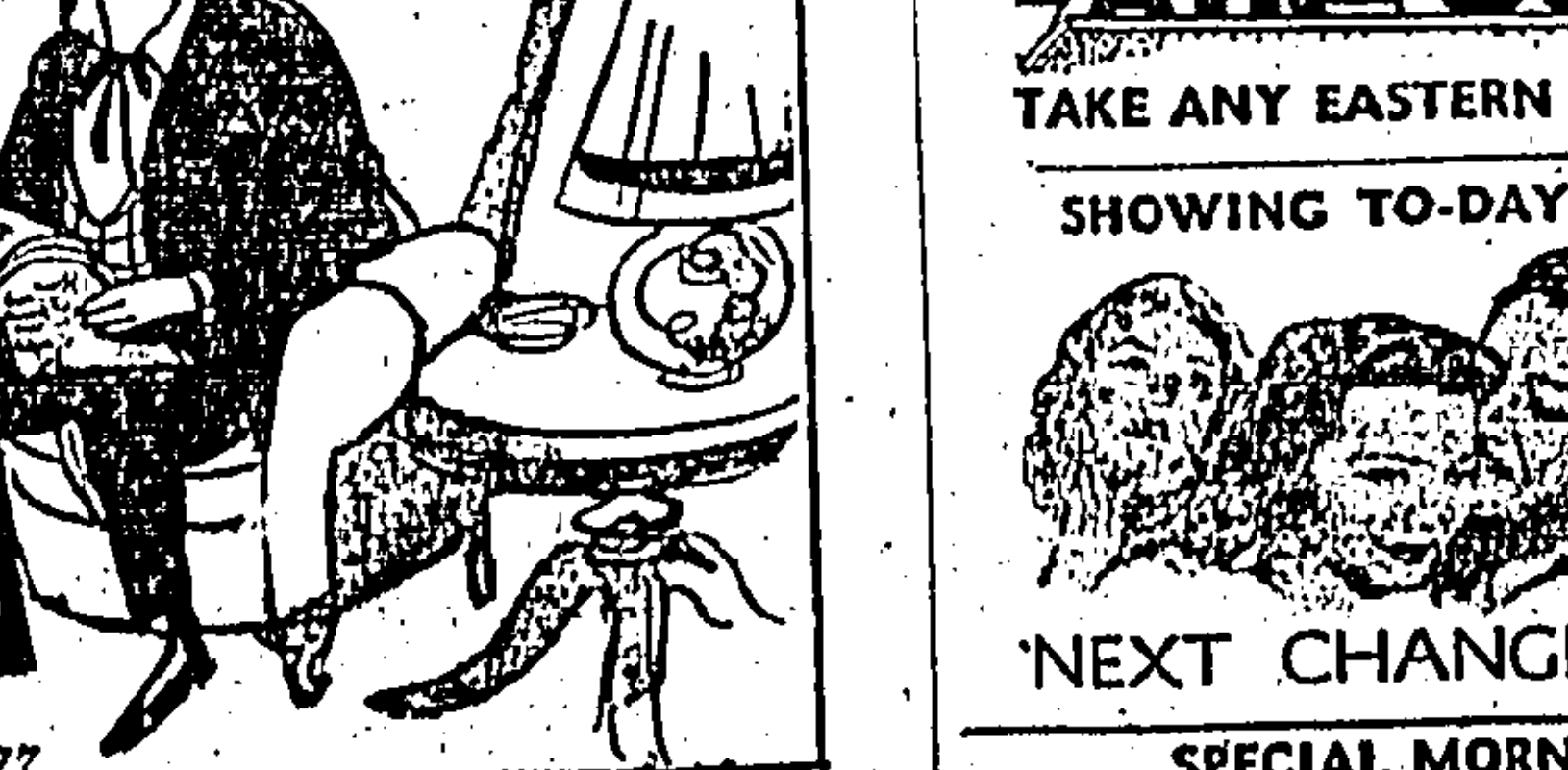
Mr Malik's 40-minute tirade against Southern Korea was answered calmly and briefly by Mr Austin, who advised the Council to refer to the decision of the General Assembly in Paris last autumn, which declared that the South Korean Government had been legally and freely established under United Nations auspices.

"This is the first time I have heard this ghastly story of tyrannical coercion," declared Mr Austin sarcastically in reply to Mr Malik's criticism of Southern "puppets." "It was stated with the fluency that familiarity with such methods allows."

Mr Malik charged that the Southern Korea elections were ordered on the vote of only four of the nine members of the Commission and that of the four members favouring elections, "three representatives of the leading interests of which are directly dependent upon the bounties of the United States."

### MALIK'S ALLEGATIONS.

"The destiny of one-half the country was settled by four men," continued Mr Malik. "Most of them were acting against the principles of the UN Charter and at the behest of the United States authorities. The



"I know I promised you a new hat if I was elected—but you know how I am about campaign promises!"

### Don Gardner, a buckaroo,

leads a group of cattle in from the snowbound range near Lund, Nevada, so that they can be fed with hay dropped by air force planes. The cattle were found huddling in the snow. Cattle won't move around under these conditions and would stand and freeze if the buckaroo did not break trail and make them get going.—AP Picture.

## S'hai Migrants For Australia

Canberra, Feb. 15.—Australia is going to pick immigrants from among 6,000 Europeans being moved from Shanghai to the Philippines.

Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell said today he was sending immigration officers, doctors and a military intelligence officer to interview the refugees on Samar Island, the Philippines.

Those selected will be admitted to Australia on the same conditions as European displaced persons. They must undertake employment allotted by the government for the first two years in Australia. — Associated Press.

## Western Union Defence Expenditure

London, Feb. 15.—Western Union defence arrangements will cost Britain about £52,000 for 1949-50, Ministry of Defence estimates disclosed today.

The major part of the expenditure is £32,115 for British staffing for the new Secretariat of the Western Union Chiefs of Staff Committee, the Military Committee, the Military Supply Board and common services. — Reuter.

## Malicious Rumour

London, Feb. 15.—A British spokesman today branded as "malicious rumour" reports printed in New York that Britain was preparing to occupy Cairo and Alexandria. — United Press.

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## Arctic Test Of Flying Buzz Bombs

Washington, Feb. 15.—The U.S. Air Force will begin Arctic tests of radio-controlled bombs and V-1 flying buzz bombs in Alaska this month.

It announced that tests at Ladd Air Base will involve use of the 12,000-pound "Tarzon," the 1,000-pound "Razon," and the American model of the buzz bomb used by the Germans against London in world war two.

The "Tarzon" and the "Razon" are dropped from planes in the conventional manner and are classed as "free falling." However, through radio devices operating the fins their fall can be affected and the bomb steered toward a target.

### RADIO-CONTROLLED

The Air Force said that in the Alaska tests the radio-controlled bombs will be dropped from B-29 bombers and the buzz bombs will be launched from the Superfortresses.

The announcement said: "Information gained in the tests will be used to develop techniques for cold weather operation of the radio-controlled bombs, and the JB-2 (the buzz bomb) and may indicate modifications that would increase their effectiveness in the Arctic."

A few of the Razon bombs and the buzz bombs were tested in Alaska two years ago.

The Air Force is known to have conducted Alaskan winter experiments in the past with "homing" bombs designed to seek out a heat-emitting target, such as a steel factory. — Associated Press.

## Villages Cut Off By Heavy Snow

Istanbul, Feb. 15.—Snow, in places 15 feet deep, has cut off 54 villages in Turkey's easternmost province of Van, where the temperature is about 30 degrees Centigrade below zero.

Wolf packs have appeared near many villages. Shepherds and their flocks are marooned.

Snowstorms have been reported from almost all parts of Turkey in a winter described as the severest for 20 years. The influenza wave appears to be receding but schools remain temporarily closed in Ankara, Istanbul and other towns. — Reuter.

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